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SUBJECT: ISRAEL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, JAN-AUG 1978

1. THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS HAS RELEASED NET
EXPORT DATA. AUGUST EXPORTS VALUED AT 208 MILLION DOLLARS
SHOW LITTLE CHANGE FROM AUGUST 1977. THE FOLLOWING ARE
CBS PRELIMINARY TOTALS FOR JANUARY-AUGUST EXPORTS (IN
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS):

-	JAN-AUG	JAN-AUG	PERCENT
-	1977	1978	CHANGE
-		JAN-AUG 78	
-		FROM	
-		JAN-AUG 77	
-	TOTAL	1,889.6	2,354.8 24.6
-	AGRICULTURAL	269.9	318.0 17.8
-	CITRUS	146.4	153.4 4.8
-	OTHER AGR.	123.5	164.6 33.3
-	INDUSTRIAL & OTHER	1,619.7	2,036.8 25.8
-	FOOD, BEVERAGE, TOBACCO	113.4	133.4 17.6
-	TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND		

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-	LEATHER	146.0	160.9	10.2
-	WOOD, PAPER, PRINTING			
-	MISC.	68.5	89.7	30.9
-	MINES, QUARRIES, NON-			
-	METALIC MINERALS	53.9	65.2	21.0
-	CHEMICALS, RUBBER AND			
-	PLASTICS	215.6	267.7	24.2

- METALS, MACHINERY AND
- ELECTRONICS 361.7 459.3 27.0
- POLISHED DIAMONDS (NET) 627.1 823.2 31.3
- OTHER EXPORTS 33.5 37.4 11.6
- JAN-AUG JAN-AUG PERCENT
- 1977 1978 CHANGE
- JAN-AUG 78
- FROM
- JAN-AUG 77
- INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS
- EXCL. DIAMONDS 992.6 1,213.6 22.3

2. WE STILL HAVE NO POST-MAY IMPORT DATA. ACCORDING TO
CBS SOURCES, WE SHOULD BE OBTAINING IMPORT DATA FOR JUNE
AND JULY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: ESPECIALLY LOW IN AUGUST WERE EXPORTS OF
DIAMOND AND MACHINERY, TWO PARTICULARLY VOLATILE SECTORS
(THE LATTER ALSO COVERS DEFENSE EXPORTS). MOF ECONOMISTS
CONFESS TO BEING AS MYSTIFIED AS WE ARE BY THE WIDE SWINGS
IN EXPORT TOTALS SINCE MAY. THEY STILL HOLD TO THEIR
FORECAST OF AT LEAST NO DETERIORATION IN THE BOP CIVIL
ACCOUNT. VIETS

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